



Dress Code

(2016-2017 School Year)

Dress for the Occasion

We gather to do important work. Our dress reflects the importance St. Michael's places on learning and personal conduct by communicating a level of care and respect for ourselves, others and the work we do together.

- 1) All clothing worn at School should be neat, clean, without holes/cuts/frays/excessive wear/offensive-inappropriate language-symbols, and worn as designed (e.g., not inside out).
- 2) All shirts should have sleeves. Beginning in third grade, all shirts with collars should be tucked in at the waist. Boys' shirts should have collars.
- 3) Shoes should be worn and secured at all times.
- 4) Athletic clothing may be required for physical education classes, but not permitted otherwise -- with two exceptions.
 - a) St. Michael's athletic outerwear may be worn indoors in cold weather
 - b) Interscholastic team uniforms may be worn on game days.
- 5) Hats and sunglasses may only be worn outside, and sleepwear never worn.

Balance is Key

We respect the mind, body, and spirit of all people (including ourselves) and seek to keep in balance these aspects as well as the interests of individual expression and a communal need to focus on learning. Our dress reflects this balance, not overemphasizing one aspect (e.g., body), nor one interest (e.g., individual expression over the learning environment).

- 6) Clothes should fit properly, being neither oversized, form-fitting nor revealing. For instance:
 - a) pants and shorts should be worn at the waist;
 - b) necklines should be no lower than the armpit;
 - c) sleeveless dresses should be at least three-finger widths at the shoulder;
 - d) tops should cover the midriff in front and back, including when arms are raised;
 - e) shorts and skirts should be neatly hemmed and at least fingertip length;
 - f) sheer clothing and clothing with cut-outs is not permitted; and
 - g) undergarments should be concealed.
- 7) Extreme hairstyles and hair colors not occurring in nature are not permitted.
- 8) Facial piercings and facial hair are not permitted.

We own Ourselves

We seek to develop each student's independence of thought and clear sense of dignity and self-worth. Our dress reflects this commitment to independence and rebuffs attempts to brand students with anything other than a St. Michael's education.

- 9) Writing and large (>2 inches) logos/images on clothing are not permissible inside school. See "Dragon Days" for exceptions.

We strongly suggest families put names in clothing worn to school.

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Special Events

Dress Up Days

For certain events designated by the School, students should wear either (a) a dress shirt, tie, and long pants with a belt; (b) a dress; or (c) a dress blouse with a dress skirt/pants.

Field Trips

When traveling off-campus students *may* be asked to dress for a formal occasion or in a St. Michael's polo shirt with khaki pants, shorts or skirt. Field Trip Dress Code may be altered based upon the destination/activities.

Dress Down Days

Dress down days are scheduled during the year (e.g., service fund-raisers, as an eighth grade privilege on the last day of each month.) On dress down days all guidelines and rules remain in place except:

- Athletic clothing is allowed.
- School-appropriate writing and large logos are allowed.
- Other guidelines/rules (e.g., sleepwear, hats) may be relaxed for individual events.

Dragon Days

Any above-the-waist St. Michael's spiritwear (excluding hats and sunglasses) may be worn in school.

K-2: the last Monday of the quarter

3-5: the last Monday of the month

6-8: each Monday

School administrators are the final arbiters for what is or is not considered appropriate dress.